

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indicated allowance of Claims 9-13 and 15.

Also acknowledged is the allowability of Claims 4-5 and 7-8; newly added independent Claim 16 is directed to the embodiment of (the presently cancelled) Claim 4. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from Claim 16. Claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled.

The cancellation of Claims 1-3 and 14 renders moot their rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

Newly added Claim 17 is directed to the embodiment of the presently cancelled Claim 6. Support is found in the specification at page 5, lines 15-17.

Believing the above represent a complete response to the Office Action and that the application is in condition for allowance, Applicants request the earliest issuance of an indication to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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